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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM  
SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING, GENEVA, FEBRUARY 6  
- MARCH 10

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED POINTS IN PARA 5 REFTEL WITH GOJ  
FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL KAMAL HMOUD ON JANUARY 23,  
EMPHASIZING THAT US DELEGATE CHAIRMAN MEZVINSKY WILL WELCOME  
OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO UN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING DURING FORTHCOMING SESSION.

2. HMOUD INDICATED THAT HEAD OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION WILL  
MOST PROBABLY BE JORDANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENEVA WALID  
SAADI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE  
DRAWN FROM SAADI'S STAFF IN GENEVA. HMOUD SAID HE WILL  
INFORM SAADI OF US DELEGATION'S INTEREST IN CLOSE  
CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM. HMOUD SAID HE WOULD INFORM US  
IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN FORMAL GOJ DESIGNATION OF  
CHAIRMAN, BUT HE DOES NOT THINK THERE WILL BE.

3. SAADI IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE  
EMBASSY AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL BE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE  
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AND USEFUL CONTACT FOR US HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION. WE  
WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM AS JORDANIAN DELEGATE TO THE  
LOS CONFERENCE IN 1975. HE IS FRIENDLY TO THE  
UNITED STATES AND, AS A GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL,  
IS EXTREMELY COMPETENT IN ENGLISH AND IN SUBSTANTIVE  
POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS.

4. SAADI WAS BORN IN JERUSALEM AND, AS A JORDANIAN/  
PALESTINIAN, IS HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WEST BANK  
MATTERS. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE  
ON AGENDA ITEMS DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE  
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RIGHT TO SELF-  
DETERMINATION. LATTER CONCEPT WITH RESPECT TO  
PALESTINIAN FUTURE HAS BEEN ONE OF KING HUSSEIN'S  
MAJOR THEMES REGARDING WEST BANK/GAZA ISSUE IN MIDEAST  
NEGOTIATIONS. SAADI WILL PROBABLY BE IN AN EXCELLENT  
POSITION TO DISCUSS POSITION OF THER ARAB COUNTRIES  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY MODERATE ARAB  
VIEWS, ALTHOUGH JORDAN'S FREEDOM OF ACTION VIS-A-VIS  
MODERATE ARAB CONSENSUS WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED.  
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